Commission regarding revision of norms for grant of financial assistance to the State:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had consulted the State Governments in respect of these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments to the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Gadgil formula for the distribution of Central Assistance to the State Plan was revised in 1991 by the National Development Council. There has been no recommendation from the Expert Group of Planning Commission for revision of this formula thereafter.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Clearance to Power Project

4351. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH :
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bihar Government has sent any proposal to the Union Government to clear all the power projects of the State which are awaiting clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of projects;

(c) the time by which all the projects are likely to be cleared; and

(d) whether Navinagar, Chandil and Karanpura thermal power projects will be included in the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). No power project proposals relating to the Bihar State have been pending in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of techno-economic clearance as on 31.7.1996.

(d) The capacity addition programme for the 9th Five Year Plan (1997-2002) of the entire country is yet to be finalised.

Allotment of Land for Petrol Pumps

4352. DR. BALIRAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of petrol pumps in Delhi which have been set up on the land allotted by the Government;

(b) whether the owners of such petrol pumps have constructed their petrol pumps on the same acreage of land which was actually allotted to them;

(c) if not whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry into it; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) One hundred and two petrol pumps have been set up in Delhi on the land allotted by the Government.

(b) Excess coverage and unauthorised construction in respect of 55 petrol pumps have been noticed. Notices have been issued by the Land and Development Office to the Oil companies against the violation of lease terms in 53 cases. In remaining two cases appropriate action has been taken by DDA under the provision of the Delhi Development Act.

(c) and (d). In view of above, the question does not arise.

[English]

Subsidised Wheat

4353. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
KUMARI UMA BHARTI :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide subsidies wheat to the bread manufacturing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the decision taken by All India Bread Manufacturers' Association to suspend production for an indefinite period if the Government don't extend the subsidised wheat allotment to all bread units;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the policy of the Government in this regard and steps taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b). At present, only Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. (MFIL) and its franchised units are being supplied wheat at Rs.1000.00 per MT less than the Central Issue price for manufacture of bread and energy food.

(c) to (e). Yes, Sir. Some bread manufacturers in the private sector had suspended production of bread from 25.8.1996 demanding allotment of subsidised wheat on the same terms as MFIL or, in the alternative, withdrawal of this scheme in respect of MFIL also. Thereafter discussions were held with the representatives of the Association and the strike was called off by them on 27/28th August, 1996.

[Translation]

Potable Water Supply

4354. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts are being made to provide drinking water to all the families in urban areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of success achieved thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. However, as water supply is a State subject, the preparation of water supply schemes, their execution and maintenance is the responsibility of the State Government. In order to provide water supply to the small towns having population less than 20,000 (As per 1991 Census), Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme was launched in the year 1993-94. The cost of the scheme is shared between the Central and the State Government in the ratio of 50:50. Out of 2151 towns eligible under the scheme, 486 towns are in Uttar Pradesh. So far water supply schemes for 69 towns at a total project cost of Rs.58.58 crores have been sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Central share of Rs.16.78 crores and State share of Rs.14.73 crores has already been released and an expenditure of Rs.11.03 crores has been reported so far. Out of 69 schemes sanctioned so far, 5 schemes have already been completed.

Disposal of Public Grievances

4355. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have given advice to the Director, Public Grievances of Ministries/Departments to quarterly review the grievances so as to monitor the disposal of public grievances;

(b) if so, whether the Government have tried to know if the said directives are being complied with or not; and

(c) if the directives are not being complied with the efforts made by the Government on its own level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). The action for the redresal of grievances in respect of various Ministries/Departments is primarily to be undertaken by them. As the nodal Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (AR&PG) under the Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions, to all Directors of Public Grievances in all Ministries/Department to give publicity to the grievance received by them and send a quarterly progress report regarding their disposal. Quarterly review meetings are also taken by the Department of AR&PG to review the public grievance redressal machinery, monitoring mechanism and disposal of grievances of selected Ministries/Departments. Study teams of the Department of AR and PG also carry out each year indepth study of the internal grievance redressal machinery of selected Ministries/Deptts. and the disposal of grievances received by them and the implementation of the suggestions is monitored by the Department. Instructions regarding effective steps for the redressal of public grievances are reiterated from time to time.

[English]

Rural Sanitation

4356. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN :
SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation made during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 for rural sanitation in the country, State-wise;

(b) the State-wise achievements made so far during the last three years in this regard;

(c) the number of individual house hold laterines proposed to be constructed, State-wise during the remaining period of Eighth Plan;

(d) the details of the proposals received under the scheme from the States for approval; and

(e) the different components under the scheme and funds allocated under them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The State-wise